

## **SIR GUY CARLETON BRANCH – Charter – 14 April 1962**

### **1963 April**

The Sir Guy Carleton Branch was formed in Ottawa and was granted its charter on the 14th of April, 1962, as a result of the efforts of Mr. E. J. Chard, a past president of the Bay of Quinte Branch and a Vice-President of Dominion Council.

The occasion for presenting the charter was held on the evening of June 20th in the Bate Memorial Hall. The Dominion President, Mr. H. S. Honsberger, made the presentation of the beautifully illuminated charter which was recently done by the well known Canadian artist, Thoreau MacDonald. Mr. Honsberger also presented a large Union Jack as a gift from the Dominion Council and gave direction and encouragement to the new branch. Mr. L. L. Merrill of Hamilton, a past Dominion President, was the guest speaker and delivered a most comprehensive and informative address to the new members and a challenge to future work in his address "Our Heritage - What Value?" Mrs. V. M. Spack, also of Hamilton was very helpful with her many suggestions and wealth of material for our emerging branch.

Mr. Chard was the first President but after a few months relinquished the office on his leaving Ottawa to accept a position in Toronto. He was succeeded by Lt.-Col. Knox K. Thomson, the 1st Vice President. Other officers are Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Russell Boucher and Mr. Douglas Cole, Secretary, Miss June Forgie; Treasurer, Mr. David Webster; Genealogist, Mr. Howard Warner who also did much in organizing the first meeting. The Branch is very fortunate indeed in having Mr. Warner filling this important position, as he is an authority on Loyalist families of the St. Lawrence area.

The Branch has been meeting, at the call of the chair, in All Saints Church Hall, Ottawa, through the kindness of the Clergy and Wardens. The Branch now consists of some 35 members. In this connection any members of other Branches moving to Ottawa or prospective members should write to the Secretary, Miss June Forgie, 135 MacLaren St., Ottawa 4, Ontario, regarding meetings or membership.

It is expected that the annual meeting will take place early in May.

### **1963 November**

Members of the Branch who were guests of The Ontario St. Lawrence Development Commission at Upper Canada village on July 17th, when Christ Church was officially opened by Hon. John R. Robarts, Q.C., Premier of Ontario, included Major-General John H. MacQueen, Mrs. Knox Thomson, Mrs. W. R. McClelland, Col. Knox Thomson, Mrs. Howard W. Warner, Mrs. John H. MacQueen, Mrs. G. Russell Boucher, Miss Madeline Curry, Miss Margaret Curry (guests from Brockville), Mr. Douglas S. Cole, Mrs. Livius P. Sherwood, Col. Livius P. Sherwood, Mr. Howard W. Warner, Mr. Alfred A. Jessup, Mrs. F. C. Curry (guest from Brockville), Major Winston M. Jessup, Mrs. Winsron M. Jessup and Mrs. C. (Jessup) Dayidson.

In Vol. 8, of The U.E.L.'s Association of Canada's transaction, there is a photograph of the home of Paul Huff. This home was rented in 1820 to the parents of Sir John A. MacDonald. William Canniff, the historian, states that Sir John lived there as a child. The Hay Bay Church also appears in the photograph. Solomon and John were the sons of William Huff, a Huguenot, who was born April 2, 1714. Two other sons, William (John) and Angus remained in the United States.

Children of Solomon and Eva Huff were Jane, Elizabeth, William, Catharine, Sarah, Richard, Mary, Peter and Solomon.

The pedigree of Mrs. McLaughlin to her Loyalist ancestor as: Solomon Huff, the Loyalist; Sarah, his daughter, married to Jacob Dulmage, UEL.; their daughter, Jane, married to Conrad Bongard, UEL.; their daughter, Susan, married to Dr. Nathaniel Hewitt Nutting, of UEL. descent; their daughter, Victoria A., born 1851, died 1933, who married R. R. Mowbray, 1847-1941; their daughter, Adelaide, married R. S. McLaughlin.

### **1964 April**

The February meeting of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch was held on the 25th in the accustomed rooms in the Bate Memorial Hall of All Saint's Church, and it was pleasing to note the enthusiasm which was evinced amongst the members at that time. Major General J. H. MacQueen ably presided in the absence of the president, Mr. Douglas S. Cole, who is spending the winter months in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Mr. Howard W. Warner, the branch genealogist, reported receiving applications from residents in the Brockville area.

### **1964 November**

On Tuesday evening, September 29th, 1964, the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, Ottawa, had one of the most interesting and rewarding meetings of its short history. It was the occasion when Colonel Sir John Johnson Bt. and Lady Johnson visited with members and guests, including representatives of the Ottawa Historical Society and the English Speaking Union.

In his address, Sir John portrayed the charming home of his ancestors, Sir John and Sir William Johnson, now a museum at Johnstown, New York. Then the audience was led, like the famous Rangers, up the Valley of the Mohawk and into Upper Canada. Those present felt the regrets and the losses involved in giving up such a home, and sympathized with the return forays to retrieve prized silver and other treasures. It was the present baronet's feeling that, had Sir William commanded the British forces, history might well have been different, and the American Revolution a mere revolt.

Turning to the moment, Sir John suggested that, for a trifling sum from each U. E. member, it would be possible to make Governor Simcoe's tomb in England a Canadian historical shrine. Unless such a project is undertaken soon, the site must become a disused ruin. This fate has already befallen the graves of his ancestors, Sir John Johnson and Lady Johnson in a cemetery in Montreal, P.Q. Only a pile of stones marks what should be an hallowed plot of ground on a ski slope just outside that city. Sir John's talk was brimful of projects and activities for Loyalists, as branches and as individuals, as he pictured sites to be maintained and historical spots to be visited.

At this meeting an 18th Century flag of the George III period was presented to the Sir Guy Carleton Branch by the president, Mr. Howard W. Warner UE, as a memorial to his cousins, Mrs. Murray Whiting Ferris (1868-1948) and her sister Mrs. Charles Albert Richards (1865-1956). They were life members of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, and the flag was dedicated by the chaplain of the branch, Rev. Gordon C. Smyth.

Sir John and Lady Johnson conversed with the members and guests during the refreshment hour at the close of the meeting. It was truly a memorable evening to be cherished by all those in attendance.

The Sir Guy Carleton Branch of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada held its annual meeting on Thursday, June 4th at the Bate Memorial Hall, A II Saints' Anglican Church, Ottawa.

Officers for 1964-1965 are as follows:

President: Mr. Howard Warner.

Vice-Presidents: Maj. Gen. John H. MacQueen, Mrs. F. M. Pilgrim.

Recording Secretary: Miss I. June Forgie.

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Frances Mary Jenkins

Treasurer: Mrs. Knox Thomson.

Standard Bearer: Mrs. W. R. McClelland.

Associate Representative: Mrs. Howard W. Warner.

Genealogist: Mr. Howard W. Warner.

Chaplain: Rev. Gordon C. Smyth, B.A.

Legal Adviser: Mr. H. P. Hill, Q.C.

One minute of silence was observed in tribute to the late Douglas S. Cole, President 1963-1964.

Rev. Gordon C. Smyth gave a brief address on the contribution of Sir Guy Carleton to Canadian history and outlined his personal views on biculturalism and the flag issue. He called on the members to translate the needs of their forefathers into mid-20th century terms, maintaining tradition, and striving for compromise rather than appeasement.

by I. June Forgie

### **1965 April**

**L**ieutenant - Commander Alan B. Beddoe, O.B.E., addressed the Sir Guy Carleton Branch at its December meeting on 'Heraldry and Heraldic Symbols', The many members present were most appreciative of this fine illustrated address. Mr. Beddoe is well known for his work with the Book of Remembrance in the Peace Tower, Ottawa.

The meeting was held in the Bate Memorial Hall of All Saint's Anglican Church, on Laurier Avenue East. Mrs. C. P. Wright, of Ottawa, author of "The Loyalists of New Brunswick", is to address the March meeting.

The by-laws of the branch which were recently printed, are to be distributed at this time.

### **1965 November**

**T**he annual meeting of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch was held on Tuesday, June 8th, in the basement Banquet Hall of Parkdale United Church, Ottawa, with the President, Mr. Howard Warner, in the chair. Officers for 1965-66 were elected with Mr. Warner returned as President.

The Rev. Gordon Smyth gave an illustrated talk on "A Parson's View of the British Isles," ably assisted by Mrs. Smyth as slide projectionist.

The fall meeting was held on Tuesday, September 28th. The President extended a cordial welcome to Mr. Arthur Davison, President of the Historical Society of the Gatineau, Old Chelsea, P.Q., and the members who were our guests for the evening. He outlined briefly the early connections between Ottawa and our neighbours across the Ottawa River. The President then welcomed Mr. Gordon Way as Vice-president and Mrs. W. H. Storey as the new Recording Secretary.

Mr. Allan Simpson introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Bill Deacon, Information Officer with the Canadian Centenary Council; the subject of his address being "A Review of Private Programming of Centennial Year." This was most interesting and outlined some of the projects being undertaken in various parts of Canada. Following his address, Mr. Deacon passed around some photographs of projects in the making as well as a fascinating list of projects which could be embarked upon by individuals and organizations. Mr. Archie Key, Field Director of Canadian Museums, whose headquarters is in Ottawa, gave an interesting outline on what some of the museums in Canada, both large and small, are doing for the Centennial Year.

New members welcomed into the branch are: Mrs. Winston Maxwell Jessup, Kirk's Ferry, P. Q.; Mr. Edward Jessup, 344 Tweedsmuir Ave., Ottawa 3, Canada.

By Mrs. F. H. Storey

## 1966 April

### COLLECTING AND RESTORATION TALK FEATURES OTTAWA BRANCH MEETING

An "antique" is officially an antique in the United States if it was marked or made before 1830, in Canada before 1 January 1847, and in Britain-if it is 100 years old or more - Torrey Furrel, Curator of Furnishings of the Historic Sites Commission, Department of Northern Affairs, told the Sir Guy Carleton Branch at its winter meeting in Ottawa on March 29.

Mr. Torrey illustrated his interesting and informative lecture on "Collecting and Restoration" with excellent coloured slides of "Woodside" in Kitchener, Ont., the home of the late William Lyon Mackenzie King, of Fort Malden at Amherstburg, Ont., and of Fort Wellington at Prescott, Ont.

The guest speaker followed the business part of the meeting. On this occasion the principal item of business concerned the Branch Centennial project, on which Col. Knox Thompson reported for the committee that the proposed student essay contest appeared to be impractical. The schools, he said, weren't very interested, while the administrative and judging problems were quite formidable.

Among other suggestions proposed were the marking of the Dunham Cemetery at Maitland, Ont., and the restoration of the final resting place of Sir John Johnson at Mount Johnson in Quebec's Eastern Townships. Both suggestions were referred to the Centennial Committee for further study.

A nominating committee, consisting of Col. and Mrs. Thompson and Major G.S. Way, was appointed to recommend a slate of officers at the Annual Meeting, which will be held on June 4, the anniversary of Birth of George III, at the home of Major and Mrs. W. Maxwell Jessup, Kirk's Ferry, Quebec.

Branch President Howard Warner presided at the meeting the tea hostesses were Miss Ada J.O.A. Johnston and Mrs. Jessop.

By G.S. Way

**1966 November**

**HOLDS AFTERNOON ANNUAL MEETING**

Sir Guy Carleton Branch, Ottawa, held its annual meeting on Saturday afternoon, June 4 the birth-date of George m, in the sylvan setting of "Brynhyfryd," the country home in the Gatineau Hills of Major and Mrs W. Maxwell Jessup.

Past President Knox Thomson presided at the election of the 1966-67 slate' of officers, Howard W. Warner being re-elected President.

Other members of the new executive are: Murray B. W. McRae, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. W. R. McClelland, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Frances Mary Jenkins, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. H. Storey, Recording Secretary; Gordon S. Way, Treasurer; Mrs. Alfred P. Williams, Genealogist; Mrs. Knox Thomson, Standard Bearer; and Mrs. Howard Warner, Associate Members' Representative. The Branch Chaplain is the Rev. Gordon C. Smyth, B.A.

Mr. Warner reported the results to date of his research on the abandoned Dunham Cemetery, near Maitland, Ontario, the restoration and identification of which may be the Centennial project of the Branch.

**UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

Despite the heat, a goodly congregation gathered to celebrate the United Empire Loyalist Remembrance Day Service at Holy Trinity Memorial Church, Riverside Heights, Morrisburg, Ontario, at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, June 26th.

Representatives of various U. E. L. Branches attended from Toronto, Hamilton, S1. Catharines, Pembroke, Renfrew, Kemptville, Kingston, Brockville, Prescott, Ingleside, Long Sault, Cornwall and Ottawa.

Mr. Stanley G. Loucks, Toronto, Vice-President of the U. E. L. Association of Canada, represented the Dominion Council, and Mrs. Jean Wadds, M.P., for Grenville - Dundas, for our Province and the Crown. Mr. Howard Warner, President of Sir Guy Carleton Branch, represented the Ottawa Branch. Mrs. Knox Thomson, Ottawa, was Standard Bearer of the George III flag.

By special request of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, the Colour Guard of Branch 48. Royal Canadian Legion, Morrisburg, W. Eady and J. Cruickshank had the honour of presenting the flags for blessing and dedication. The local Legion Flag Guard of Honour, flanked by Mrs. Thomson, Standard Bearer, as they marched' down the aisle with the Canadian flag and the Union Jack flying in an impressive ceremony.

The Rev. C. Earle, Rector of Holy Trinity Memorial Church, and the Rev. F. Howald, Lutheran pastor, Morrisburg. conducted the religious service. The Rev. Gordon Smyth, Minister of Parkdale United Church, Ottawa and chaplain to Sir Guy Carleton U.E.L. Branch. delivered an eloquent sermon, his theme being "Quo Vadimus - Canada?"

The choristers of S1. James' Anglican Church, Morrisburg, led by choir director, Mr. E. Rice, lent beauty to the Remembrance Day celebration. Miss Phyllis Jowett was organist.

The keen loyalist congregation joined in the service with spirit and enthusiasm. All expressed their appreciation of this colourful event that paid tribute to their loyalist ancestors, regardless of colour or creed.

Following the service, the congregation visited the church historical museum in the basement assembly hall. This was its opening day, and it is unique as the first U. E. L. church historical museum. It was sponsored by Miss Phyllis Jowett and Mr. Edward Munro. Keen interest was shown in viewing these treasured memorials of the men and women who founded and helped the County of Dundas in church, state and community social life.

### **1967 Spring**

#### **SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD**

An address by J. K. Johnson, Public Archives editor-historian, on some of the well-known aspects of Sir John A. MacDonald's life, including extracts from private correspondence and notes about some of his business ventures, not all of which were successful, featured the November meeting of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, United Empire Loyalists of Canada held in Parkdale United Church, Ottawa.

The President, Howard Warner, read a letter from Dr. Walton-Ball, Dominion Council Past-President, about Wolford Chapel in England and the Branch approved as a Centennial project, a motion to match individual contributions, up to \$100, for the support of the chapel.

Correspondence tabled included a letter from Lady Dorchester, Basingstoke, England, with some comments about her home which was once the home of Sir Guy Carleton; and a message from Mr. G. F. Jowett of Morrisburg, to the effect that the memorial service for the Loyalists who fell at Crysler's Farm could not be held as planned on November 11th, the anniversary of the Battle, and had been postponed until next June.

Membership certificates were presented to Mrs. Frances Mary Jenkins, Mrs. Alice Amelia Landon Pilgrim, Miss Doris Hope Sherwood and Murray B. W. McRae. Earl Scott Munro was accepted as a member and Mrs. Munro was accepted as an Associate member. Mr. and Mrs. Munro are residents of Apple Hill, Ontario.

By G S. Way

### **1967 Autumn**

The spring meeting was held at Bate Memorial Hall, All Saint's Anglican Church, Ottawa. Following the usual order of business, the speaker for the occasion was Mr. Carmen Bickerton, Assistant Professor of History at Carleton University. Professor Bickerton was introduced by Mr. Knox Thomson, and gave a most interesting address on "The Fortress of Louisburg". His talk was illustrated with slides which depicted the fort as it was originally, and then the various changes which were made as events occurred during the course of its many years. Extensive excavation has been made recently as the Government of Canada is working on the complete restoration of the old fort. Miss I. June Forgie thanked the speaker. The tea hostesses were Mrs. Edward Jessop and Miss Sheila G. Pennock.

The Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, July 15th at the garden party at "Norfolk Hall", the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Warner. Members of the Brockville and Leeds County Historical Society were guests and period costumes were the order-of-the-day.

New members are Mr. Keith MacIntosh Casselman, Ottawa, and Mrs. Hugh W. Murray, Brockville, Ontario.

The officers elected at the annual meeting are: President, Mr. Murray B. W. McRae; Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. H. Crysedale, and Mrs. W. R. McClelland; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frances Mary Jenkins; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Storey; Treasurer, Major Gordon S. Way; Standard Bearer, Miss June Forgie; Legal Adviser, Mr. H. P. Hill, Q.C.; Genealogist, Mr. Howard W. Warner.

A message was sent to the Sir Guy Carleton Branch saying that Kent County Councillor Col. Sir John Johnson received severe head and leg injuries when he was involved in a car accident at the Aldershot Military Horse Show and that he will be unable to visit Canada this autumn as was planned.

U.E.L. Centennial Garden Party was held at "Norfolk Hall", South Augusta, for the members of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch and their guests of the Brockville and Leeds County Historical Society. Period costumes prevailed at the event. Norfolk Hall is the homestead of the Warner family.

### **1968 Autumn**

The Sir Guy Branch is fortunate to have so readily available the National Library. The Archives Division provided space for a recent meeting and members enjoyed the tour of the National Reference Section given by Miss L. Ryder and the tour of the Public Archives given by Mr. Merener. Donations from the Branch to the Sir John Graves Simcoe Fund have amounted to \$209.

Some members from this branch have transferred to the Col. Jessup Branch which has recently been formed by Mr. E. J. Chard and Dr. S. L. Spicer and aided greatly by Mr. Howard W. Warner in his genealogical research.

In the spring Mr. Webb, former curator of the Museum at Fort Wellington spoke in the early days of the fort and his address was sprinkled with amusing historical anecdotes.

Invitations were extended to members to attend the Charter granting to the Sir John Johnson Branch in Cowansville, Que. The Annual Church Service at the Holy Trinity, Riverside, was an event in June.

### **1969 Autumn**

The Sir Guy Carleton Branch, Ottawa, held one meeting this year in the National War Museum. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President, Mr. John Crysedale, was in the chair. New members accepted into the Branch were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnston.

After the meeting, Admiral Charles Dillon, of the Museum staff, took the group on an extended tour of the exhibits and explained many interesting highlights of the recently opened Museum after its move from a very old "temporary" building.

Following the tour, refreshments were served, courtesy of Admiral Dillon's staff.

## **1972 Spring**

### **Sir Guy Carleton Branch Celebrates Tenth Anniversary**

**O**n Wednesday, April 19, the Sir Guy Carleton Branch of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada celebrated its tenth anniversary. Four of the original charter members - Mrs. W. R. McClelland, Colonel Knox K. Thomson, Mr. H. W. Warner and Mr. D. M. Webster - were in attendance. The meeting was held in the Memorial Hall of All Saints' Anglican Church which was the site of the original meeting.

The meeting was brought to order by the President, Mrs. F. M. Jenkins. After the approval of the minutes the Treasurer's report was given. Then Mr. H. W. Warner, Branch Genealogist, presented two new members: Mrs. Rivers and Mrs. Williams. He informed the gathering that two more applications were being processed.

This was followed by the reports of the various committees who are responsible for the making of the arrangements to host the Annual Meeting of the Dominion Council of The United Empire Loyalists' Association. This meeting slated for May 6th is to be held in the National Library and Archives Building. It will be followed in the evening by a banquet at the new Holiday Inn. This will be Ottawa's first opportunity to host the Annual Meeting.

In remembrance of our tenth anniversary the minutes of the founding meeting of March 21, 1962, were read. Photographs taken at that meeting were circulated and aroused much enthusiasm.

After the meeting Mrs. H. W. Warner, who was in charge of refreshments at the founding meeting, continued to show her prowess in this area. The President, Mrs. F. M. Jenkins, brought in an anniversary cake which was cut by the four charter members in attendance. Refreshments and conversation were enjoyed by all.

## **1972 Autumn**

**T**he Sir Guy Carleton Branch of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, Ottawa, held a regular meeting in March at the University Club. In spite of inclement weather, there were about 30 people present to hear Sir Peter Hayman, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., M.B.E. British High Commissioner, speak on Great Britain, Canada, The Commonwealth and the world today. His talk was most informative drawing our attention to many things we have a tendency to forget in the busy world of the present. Sir Peter was introduced by Mr. Norman Brown and thanked by Mr. Murray McRae.

This was a busy and interesting year for our branch, which held five meetings, celebrated its tenth birthday and hosted the Annual Meeting of the entire U.E.L. Association held at the Public Archives of Canada. The climax of the year was the annual meeting of the Branch on June 21.

The Treasurer, Mr. K. Annable, presented very acceptable news by reporting that the finances of the branch were still in the black (this was supported by the Auditor's report). Mr. Warner, the Genealogist, proposed four new members and was processing another. This makes a total of five new members and one pending for the past year. We are very pleased to welcome these new members.



The Nominating Committee proposed the same slate of officers as last year with the exception of the new Standard Bearer, Mrs. Storey who has served faithfully on the executive for several years and Mrs. W.R. McClelland as the new branch Genealogist. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Frances Mary Jenkins; First Vice-President, Mr. David Webster; Second Vice-President, Mr. Norman Brown; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Gerald Johnston; Recording Secretary, Mrs. David Webster; Treasurer, Mr. Kenneth Annable; Genealogist, Mrs. W.R. McClelland, Standard Bearer, Mrs. David Rivers; Associate Representative, Mr. Gerald Johnston.

There was an enthusiastic discussion on activities for next year. Though anxious to get new members the group decided that the best way to interest new members was to ensure that the present members were gainfully occupied. With this aim tentative dates were decided on for meetings - the last Wednesday of every other month starting with September. For the September meeting members are to bring ideas of activities that the local branch could be doing and articles in members' possession which might be used for a display.

### **1973 Spring**

The winter meeting of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, Ottawa, Ontario, was held on February 13, 1973 in All Saints Anglican Church, at 8 p.m.

We were all saddened to hear of the illness of Miss Sherwood. Flowers were sent.

A committee consisting of Mrs. Webster, Mr. Chrysdale, Mr. Annable, Mr. Way and Mrs. Williams was set up to arrange the displays in the Public Library and in the Public Archives Buildings.

A second committee consisting of Mr. Webster, Mr. McRae and Mrs. Johnson was established to investigate the fee structures of various branches and to make recommendations concerning fee changes to our own branch.

It was moved, seconded and approved (i) that Mr. Annable send out a Notice of Motion before our next meeting to amend our By-laws Section 8 so that 'our, fiscal year would correspond to' the fiscal year of Dominion Council, that is to run from January 1st to December 31st; and (ii) that the old fee structure be in effect from June 1973 to December 1973 and that any new fee structure not come into effect until January 1974.

Mrs. Johnson then introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Robert V. Rosewarne, Chief of Displays and publicity of the Public Archives of Canada. His subject "Canadian Glass Containers" was most interesting. The actual samples of glass containers were enlightening. His talk was enjoyed by all. Major Gordon Way thanked our guest speaker. The meeting adjourned. Coffee and conversation were enjoyed by all.

### **1973 Autumn**

At the spring meeting held on April 3rd our branch welcomed two new members - Mr. William Roaf and Mrs. Kenneth Annable.

After research into the fee structure of various branches, our branch decided to change its fee structure to a three (\$3) dollar joining fee and a three dollar (\$3) annual fee.

Concern was expressed concerning the preservation of the Jones House near Brockville.

Col. Knox Thompson spoke in praise of the new Badge (pg. 4 of Oct. 1972 The Loyalist Gazette). He also proposed that we might suggest the Certificate of Membership include the New Coat of Arms.

Mrs. J. Coderre from the National Library spoke to us concerning the mechanics of searching for records. By naming definite sources and the floor and section where these sources were to be found, Mrs. Coderre held us in rapt attention.

A committee was formed to look into getting a new format for our Announcement of meetings. The Nominating Committee headed by Mrs. Bonnie Rivers presented its proposed slate of officers: President - Mr. David Webster; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Mr. Norman Brown; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Mrs. Francis Mary Butler; Recording Secretary - Mrs. Kay Webster; Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Mary Johnston; Treasurer - Mr. Kenneth Annable; Standard Bearer - Miss Sherwood. The slate was accepted unanimously. Mr. Warner and Mr. Webster proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Frances Mary (Jenkins) Butler and congratulated her on the event of her recent marriage.

Mr. David Webster thanked the members for the honour of being elected president and expressed hope that our branch might get "something going" to arouse interest, pride, and enthusiasm among our members and prospective members.

Moved by Mrs. Kay Webster seconded by Mrs. Bonnie Rivers that the membership be divided equally among the executive and that the executive strive for ~ personal contact with the members to try and see what can be done to arouse interest and to develop an immediate object of action. Carried. The meeting adjourned.

### **1974 Autumn**

**W**e started the term by equally dividing the members of our branch among the executive. Each executive member personally contacted his part of the membership to try to arouse interest in the Branch and to develop an immediate object of action.

At our meeting of October 11 we were sorry to hear that Mrs. McClelland, our branch genealogist, found that she was unable to carry on in this capacity. With many regrets, her resignation was accepted. Our guest speaker was Mr. E. Langdon R. Williamson, head of History and Economics at Nepean High School. He gave a thought-provoking talk on "Loyalty Today".

On November 22 Mr. Kenneth Annable became our new branch genealogist. Mr. Howard Warner introduced our guest speaker, Miss Ruth McKenzie, authoress of Leeds and Grenville and Laura Secord, The Legend and the Lady. She spoke on Laura Secord's Cow. Her talk, informative in its historical facts, also told of her methods of research and gave new ideas of where and how to get verifiable historical data.

Our meeting of April 4 was a most unusual meeting. We met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston. We discussed people in Ottawa who might have Loyalist backgrounds and then telephoned them. Judge John Matheson suggested that we continue in this vein by working with the Department of Indian Affairs and the Public Archives to trace and record memberships with Indian ancestry .

Our annual meeting held on May 23 at the National Library was a most successful meeting. We had a very good attendance and much interest seems to have been stimulated towards getting new members.

The slate of officers for next term is: Past President Mrs. Frances Mary Butler; President Mr. David Webster; 1st Vice-President Mr. Norman Brown; 2nd Vice-President Mr. John Crysdale; Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Mary Johnston; Recording Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. Catherine Webster; Genealogist Mr. K. Annable; Standard Bearer Mr. Robert C. Short; Associate Member Representative Mrs. Kenneth Annable.

Mr. Edwin Livingston gave an illustrated lecture of Burgoyne's movements. The excellent use of slides interspersed with interesting commentary was enthusiastically received.

With a vigorous recruitment drive in the offing for next term, we look forward to an exciting new year.

### **1977 Spring**

The Sir Guy Carleton Branch 1976 Christmas Dinner on December 15th was well attended and was followed by a joint Sir Guy Carleton Branch and Ottawa Chapter, Ontario Genealogical Society meeting at the Public Archives of Canada. Appreciation has been sent to the O.G.S. for the hospitality on that occasion and suggestion has been given for more joint collaborative efforts to be planned for the future, to the president of the Ottawa Chapter, O.G.S., Mrs. Fern Small.

The Branch 1977 elections were held on February 21<sup>st</sup> and will be arranged in future to provide time for the newly elected Branch executive to be ensconced in office before the Association Annual Convention.

The 1977 Sir Guy Carleton Branch Executive are: Honorary President, Senator the Honourable Eugene A. Forsey, O.C., Ph. D., L.L. D., D. Litt., D.C.L., F.R.S.C.; President, Major Donald C. Holmes, B.A., D.P.A., U.E., C.D.; First Vice President, Miss I. June Forgie a former Branch President; Second Vice President, Miss Clare Breckenridge, a Life Member of the Association; Secretary Treasurer, Lieut. Col. Frank Cooper, C.D., Deputy Commander, Ottawa Militia District; Standard Bearer, Mrs. Bonnie Rivers; Branch Genealogist, Mr. Kenneth C. Annable; Assistant Branch Genealogist, Mr. Allan M. McDougald.

The President-Elect expressed his deep personal gratification at the election of such an illustrious slate of dedicated colleagues to branch office, and reiterated the branch's wholehearted commitment to the active pursuit of the worthy objectives and aspirations of the Association.

The new \$1,500 Ranger Cup, just received from Birks Jewellers, was on display at the Branch electoral meeting, along with quantities of the 1977 DCRA Butlers Rangers Bicentennial commemorative poster, featuring an exact facsimile of the engraving on the Cup superimposed over a Revolutionary period map of the Mohawk River valley, the scene of many successful Ranger actions. The Ranger Cup has since been delivered into the grateful hands of the 109-year-old Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, and will henceforth be competed for annually with the Loyalist Cup at the DCRA Black Powder National Matches.

The Branch President-Elect appeared on Ottawa television on March 1st, explaining the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, describing various Loyalist artifacts, and discussing the DCRA Black Powder Matches to be held Sunday, August 7th, at the Connaught Ranges near Ottawa.

Major Holmes will be a guest lecturing on the origins, campaign history, and post-war resettlement of Butlers Rangers at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa on a date yet to be determined in late Spring or early Summer. The Rangers served with distinction throughout the Revolutionary War, from their capture of Ethan Allen near Montreal on September 25, 1775, to the final (and victorious) battle of the Revolution, the Ranger and Indian reduction of Wheeling, West Virginia, September 11, 1782.

The Sir Guy Carleton Branch is on a new member drive largely made possible by the most welcome "Friends of the Branch" membership category. In addition to the several initiatives listed above, the Branch intends to offer its services, in the form of a roster of knowledgeable speakers and resource persons, to the Ottawa Board of Education for the purpose of providing Loyalist period project assistance on demand to National Capital Region high school students. The Branch solicits an exchange of ideas and experiences with the other Branches on these and other ways of heightening community awareness of, and support for, Loyalist Branch activities.

Two-year-old Catharine Hainer Holmes, named after her 1709 Palatine emigrant ancestor Catharine Moussier Hainer, who lived to be 104 years old and who was the grandmother of several Hainer Loyalists in Butlers Rangers, received in February what we believe to have been the first Children's Membership Certificate issued by the Association after the November 20th Dominion Council approval in principle of the concept of adequately documented sponsored children's memberships.

### **1977 Autumn**

On Wednesday evening, September 14th, the Sir Guy Carleton Branch presented an eminently successful Butler's Ranger Bicentennial lecture by the Branch President, Mr. Donald C. Holmes at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. The Branch guest book kept on that occasion showed that individuals from many parts of Canada and the U.S., and from as far away as Bantry, Ireland, attended and enjoyed the lecture. Among the particularly honoured guests were many Heritage Branch members from Montreal, Ranger descendants from Niagara, and representation from the National Historic Sites Branch of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, which agency recently approved the expenditure of no less than five million dollars on the restoration at Niagara of Butler's Barracks and other historic sites in the vicinity. One immediate result of the lecture is that the Sir Guy Carleton Branch has already begun collaboration with a National Historic Sites officer in the identification of post-Revolutionary Ranger families at Long Point, and in Essex and Norfolk Counties.

Especially gratifying among the truly impressive turnout for the Ranger lecture was the large number of high school teachers and students who responded favourably to Branch circulation of notice of the event to every public and private high school in the National Capital Region. The lecture was tape recorded by more than one enterprising teacher for classroom use, and by two blind students as an aid in their own studies.

The obvious success of this Branch presentation clearly more than repaid the considerable effort which went into its preparation.

### **SIR GUY CARLETON BRANCH PRESIDENT WINS DCRA 1977 LOYALIST CUP MATCHES**

Major Don Holmes handily won the prestigious DCRA Loyalist Cup for precision long range black powder marksmanship at the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association 1977 Annual Prize Meeting held August 11th to 12th in Ottawa. Seven consecutive bulls eyes helped assure Major Holmes' victory in these hotly contested 100 and 200 meter frontier style black powder rifle matches.

Nineteen-year-old Randy Oates of Richmond, B. C. won the DCRA Ranger Cup which commemorates Colonel John Butler's Loyal Corps of Rangers, 1777-1784 and 84-year-old John Skuce Sr. of Ottawa won the DCRA 1868 Silver Medal in the Muzzle Loader Match.

This year 108 entries were received from as far away as Florida and B.C. in the increasingly popular Loyalist Cup Matches, and a full colour photo of the actual matches in progress was prominently featured on the front page of the August 8th edition of the OTTAWA CITIZEN. Other Branches would do well to emulate the Sir Guy Carleton Branch example in finding exciting ways to promote community consciousness of the richness of the Loyalist fact and cultural heritage.

### **An Eminently successful Sir Guy Carleton Branch Restoration Project.**

A number of members of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch in Ottawa have been busy recently uncovering and restoring a rich and fascinating variety of Pre-Confederation Loyalist-related family photographs. Artifacts, early deeds, wills and Upper Canada Land Petitions which in addition to their historic significance in their own right, have great human interest when reproduced for display, framing, or for inclusion in the increasingly popular pictorial family Loyalist scrapbooks and albums. Particularly noteworthy examples of the results of this Branch program are several fine Loyalist family business letterheads. When newly re-engraved and embossed as were the original specimens the resulting stationery is again being used as personal notepaper by descendants of the original owners.

In addition to such early family letterheads and photographs, some adventurous members have been painstakingly searching in distant relatives' attics for pre- and post-Revolutionary War Loyalist signatures. From careful photographs of these sometimes nearly three hundred year old signatures, rubber facsimile signature stamps have been made. Consequently the descendants involved can now frank their correspondence with reproductions of original ancestral Loyalist signatures. Moreover, once the initial die is made (at a cost of less than \$12.00 in Ottawa) any number of identical rubber stamps can be had for only a few dollars apiece. These make suitable gifts for all descendants of the same Loyalist ancestor.

The members involved in this project wished to avoid the all too-frequent stuffiness of Branch projects, and hoped to be able to convey in the most convincing way the immediacy and human interest embodied in their cherished Loyalist heritage.

An unanticipated sidelight of the project was the rediscovery of the rich cultural diversity of Canadian society. A 1967 Toronto Branch study of some 7(J5 Loyalist families conclusively demonstrated that Loyalists of English origins did not only comprise the majority of Loyalists who settled in Canada but that they did not comprise even one of the large minorities. Thus our Branch restoration project has uncovered French, German, English, Dutch, Irish and Maltese Pre-Confederation Loyalist-related material of value in its research.

Clearly much of the richness of our present Canadian way of life has derived from the coexistence in Canada of this multiplicity of ethnic, linguistic and cultural minorities within the protective environment of an unashamedly pluralistic Canadian state.

We have also discovered an unexpectedly rich and hitherto largely untapped historical and genealogical source in the increasing number of reprint county atlases, gazetteers and local histories. Also many small local community libraries have been found to have a wealth of infrequently consulted early town and county directories often of inestimable value in researching individual ancestral data.

Other Branches and members of the Association would do well to consider the potentialities of such projects as ours, and we welcome any questions or exchange of ideas with other Branches concerning the Sir Guy Carleton Branch Restoration project.

## 1978 Spring

The Sir Guy Carleton Branch, serving the National Capital Region, enjoyed its best year ever in 1977. With a membership of just over fifty, the Branch and its vigorous program of activities has within the past year been featured On local TV; sponsored a gala George III birthday celebration, open house and buffet luncheon; collaborated with the Ottawa Board of Education in the development of an exemplary secondary school level Loyalist Studies program; presented an eminently successful and thoroughly researched and scholarly Butler's Rangers bicentennial commemorative address at the Canadian War Museum; lectured many local Grade XIII high school history classes, by invitation, on the richness of the Loyalist fact and cultural heritage; began collaboration in a meaningful way with the Research Division of the National Historic Parks and Sites Branch of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs on a definitive in-depth survey of the Loyalist influence in Canada; and heard the Dominion President's National Unity address just before Christmas. Our Branch immediate past president, Judge John R. Matheson UE, was singularly honoured to have been invested, on Brock Day, with former Governor General of Canada, Roland Michener UE, as a Companion of the Most Noble Order of Meritorious Heritage, and our 1977 President, Major Don Holmes UE, on August 7<sup>th</sup> again won the prestigious Loyalist Cup in long range black powder competition at the 95<sup>th</sup> Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Annual Prize Meeting. The Sir Guy Carleton Branch additionally conducted a number of thoroughly successful and enjoyable research projects, some of which were reported upon in the Autumn 1977 Loyalist Gazette.

The Branch 1978 Electoral Meeting was held April 4th in the boardroom of the Transport Canada Management Staff College in Ottawa, with the following result; Sir Guy Carleton Branch 1978 executive: Honorary President - Senator Eugene A. Forsey, President - L. Col. A. Frank Cooper UE, Secretary - Donald W. Drew UE, Treasurer - Clare Breckenridge UE, Genealogist Kenneth C. Annable UE, Assistant Genealogist - Ruth Williams UE.

Judge Matheson congratulated the outgoing Executive on a splendid job well done. Major Holmes, the outgoing President, thanked Judge Matheson and the membership on behalf of the outgoing Executive for the encouragement and support the 1977 Executive had received throughout their tenure of office.

In his charge to the incoming Executive, Major Holmes urged them to use their best endeavours to maintain the momentum of current Branch initiative, and to concentrate upon the first principles of the Association, ensconced in the statutory mandate of our incorporating Act of Parliament, to first and foremost seek excellence as an historical and a genealogical society, with express and undivided attention to Loyalist events during and after the Revolutionary War.

Major Holmes asked the 1978 Executive to be ever mindful that this was the fundamental and only legitimate raison d'être of the Association's existence, and to disabuse themselves of all other tangential causes, however currently fashionable and meritorious they may nevertheless appear to be, in order to concentrate total Branch energies and resources on the critically important task of promoting public awareness of the rich significance of the original Loyalist fact and cultural heritage throughout the National Capital Region. Major Holmes closed his inspiring charge to the new Executive by reminding all present that it was infinitely preferable to do a few important things well than to attempt several poorly, which, in Association terms, means returning, and the sooner the better, to concentration on the central essentials of history and genealogy, with emphasis on sound, objective, well researched and thoroughly documented Revolutionary War era Loyalist Studies.

**Obituary: Charles W. Holmes UE, 1893 – 1978**

The father of former Sir Guy Carleton Branch President and Association Life Member Major Donald C. Holmes UE, passed away suddenly on May 4th in Hamilton in his 85th year. As a young man, Mr. Holmes had worked in the family carriage works in St. Catharines founded in 1842 by his grandfather. He is interred in the same cemetery in St. Catharines as four preceding generations of his Loyalist ancestors, the first being his great great grandmother, Catharine Dittrick Hainer, 1780-1861, the daughter and daughter-in-law of the first two settlers in St. Catharines, Butler's Rangers John Hainer and Jacob Dittrick.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, two sons, and four grandchildren, to whom we extend the heartfelt condolences of all members of the Association.

**1978 Autumn**

The Sir Guy Carleton Branch held elections on April 4th at the Transport Canada Management Training Centre. Senator Eugene Forsey UE graciously' agreed to accept re-nomination to a second term as our Honorary President, and was re-elected unanimously by a delighted Branch membership. L. Col. Frank Cooper U E, a central figure in the 1977 Executive, was elected President; Donald W. Drew UE, a most welcome newcomer to the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, was elected Secretary; Branch Executive member Clare Breckenridge UE, was elected Treasurer; Kenneth C. Annable UE, was re-elected Branch Genealogist; and Ruth Williams, U.E., was elected Assistant Branch Genealogist. Judge John R. Matheson UE, an Association Life Member and former Sir Guy Carleton Branch President, congratulated the new slate of officers, and the outgoing 1977 Executive on behalf of all members present for the vigour, imagination and sound leadership so abundantly demonstrated throughout the latter's tenure of office.

The outgoing Branch President, Association Life Member Donald C. Holmes UE, thanked Judge Matheson and the membership on behalf of the 1977 Executive for their kind words and, reminding all present that they were gathered in a Management Staff College, charged the incoming Executive to use their best managerial endeavours to maintain and advance existing Branch momentum, and to concentrate especially on the first principles of the statutory mandate contained in the Act of Parliament incorporating the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada; that is, to seek first and foremost, excellence as an historical and genealogical association, with express and undivided attention to Loyalist events during and after the Revolutionary War. He reminded the new Executive that as responsible stewards of the Branch trust, they should be ever mindful of this fundamental raison d'être of the Association's existence, and disabuse themselves of all other tangential causes, as currently fashionable and meritorious as they may nevertheless appear to be, in order to devote maximum energy to the critically important task of perpetuation of awareness of the significance of the original Loyalist fact and cultural heritage throughout the National Capital Region.

Major Holmes closed his inspiring charge to the new Executive by reminding all present that it was infinitely preferable to do a few important things well than to attempt several poorly, which, in Association terms, means returning, and the sooner the better, to the central essentials, of history and genealogy, with emphasis on sound Revolutionary War and subsequent Canadian Loyalist studies.

Attention was drawn to the Loyalist and Ranger Cup Black Powder matches and the Sir Guy Carleton Branch Loyalist and Ranger Cup trophies. These exciting matches are particularly, captivating for young Loyalist enthusiasts, which are held on' the first Saturday in August each year.

### **1979 Spring**

The winter meeting of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch was held on December 11, at the Officers' Mess, Wallis House, and was preceded by a buffet supper. The meeting was opened by the President, L. Col. A. Frank Cooper, followed by a report from the secretary and the treasurer. The secretary, Mr. Donald Drew, advised the members of recent correspondence and literature from Dominion Headquarters and the treasurer, Miss Clare Breckenridge, reported the Branch finances with an onhand balance of \$155.07. The branch genealogist, Mr. Annable, listed those new members of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch who have obtained approval or are in the process of obtaining approval for their applications. L. Col. Cooper then outlined the procedures followed by the Branch in dealing with applications for membership and the procedures used for processing the applications.

Those in attendance were informed that the curricula of the primary schools Grades 7 and 8 now include U.E.L. historical data. It was suggested that the Branch send copies of the Gazette to the history departments at selected schools in the Ottawa Valley and that bibliographic reference list be included as well.

The president gave a brief report on the 1978 Annual General Meeting held in May. It was noted that a new branch has been established in Kingston bringing to five the number of branches in the eastern Ontario region.

The president then solicited comments from the membership regarding the format, programming and timing to future Branch meetings. Suggestions included the scheduling of four meetings for the September - May period with one meeting commemorating the Charter Night ceremonies. It was also suggested that the Branch hold a genealogical meeting and/or have informal discussions presented by Branch or local experts in a specific field. The annual general meeting was scheduled for April, 1979.

The president suggested the Branch provide copies of the membership roll to all members of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch.

As 1983-84 is the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the United Empire Loyalists in Canada, the president asked that the members consider the striking of a medal depicting a Loyalist event of significance which could be sponsored by the Branch as a service to the national organization. Further information on this subject will be provided at a later date. Mr. Holmes suggested the drawing up of a bibliographic list of pertinent reference books and documents that could be provided for use by Dominion Headquarters and any branches wishing it.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

### **1979 Autumn**

The annual meeting of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch was held on April 21 in the Fountain Room of the National Arts Centre in Ottawa with Mr. John A. Aikman, Dominion President, and several honoured guests from other branches - Sir John Johnson, Heritage and St. Lawrence. L. Col. A. Frank Cooper, the Branch President, presided. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Howard Warner, Sir Guy Carleton and Dominion Past President, on his completion of fifty years' service in the Masonic Order. Mr. and Mrs. Warner were present to accept these.



Major Donald C. Holmes, Past president presented the report of the nominating committee. The officers for 1979-1980 are: Honorary Branch President, Senator Eugene Forsey; Branch President, L. Col. A. Frank Cooper; Vice-President Mrs. Catherine Webster ; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Heggtveit; Genealogist, Mrs. Ruth Williams; Assistant Genealogist, Dr. Velma Rust; Archivist, Mr. Kenneth Annable.

One matter that was thoroughly discussed concerned the great amount of documentary material attached to each accepted application which must be stored. It was recommended that the Genealogical Committee should consult with the Branch Archivist regarding the possibility of simplifying the record keeping, and should make a report at the next meeting with their findings and recommendation.

A pleasant duty performed by Mr. John A. Aikman was the presentation of tokens of Branch appreciation to outgoing Branch Executive members, Ms. Clare Breckenridge and Mr. Kenneth Annable in recognition of their services to the Branch and Association. Mr. Aikman then addressed the Branch on the goals that the member should keep uppermost in their minds, and warned that each member has a responsibility to make a contribution of the highest calibre that he/she is capable of. He voiced his views "that ours is hopefully a non-elitist patriotic, historical and genealogical society pledged to the maintenance of the Monarchy in Canada". Mr. Aikman recommended the film, "The Monarchy in Canada", and the book, "The Crown in Canada" by Frank MacKinnon. to all members and as suggested these materials for educators seeking United Empire Loyalist background for themselves and for use as enrichment material.

The meeting closed with coffee and a cold buffet catered to by the National Arts Centre staff.

#### **1984 December**

**F**irst-Day covers for UEL Stamp - A very presentable and collectible first-day cover was produced by LCol A.F. Cooper by having the armorial bearings of the Association produced in full colour on 500 envelopes, and then having these envelopes, with UEL Stamps attached, produced as "First-Day Covers" on 3 July by the Post Office. Some of these are still available by contacting LCol Cooper at 1298 Wesmar Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 7T2:

#### **THE KING'S NAMES**

**T**his project involves many thousands of hours of tedious work and research in the Public Archives, indexing and cataloguing the names of all Loyalists mentioned in the The Carleton Papers the sixty-two volumes of papers and files accumulated by Sir Guy Carleton during his stay in New York City during the Revolutionary War. To assist in this project, a grant for student employment was received from the Federal Government and three students were employed all summer. A grant was received from the Secretary of State as well, to help with publication costs. The finished results will be published in book form "sometime next year". The size of the book has increased from 150 to 300 pages, and there should be over 15,000 names indexed and catalogued when we are finished. There will be a lot of volunteer labour expended this fall and winter, and other sources of funding are being explored to keep this important project afloat.

We will report further as the work continues on this source which is also known as the British Headquarters Papers.

#### **1985 December**

Emphasis on genealogy has been strong this year. Between regular meetings, family history evenings have been held on families such as Empey and Rutter. A genealogical open house was well attended and very successful. Among the social highlights of the year was a reception held by "Victoria" (Ottawa) branch of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Fifty Association members and their spouses were entertained by D.A.R. at the American Ambassador's residence. Also outstanding was the musical contribution to the Annual General Meeting, Cornwall by Past President Ivan Mitchell, soloist, and his son Mark who arranged and played the piano accompaniment.

### **1986 June**

The practice of holding genealogical evenings mid-way between regular branch meetings has proven to be very popular. In February, Mr. William Tufts spoke on researching the Maritime Loyalists, referring in particular to a group of families which could be traced through several migrations within the colonies and their subsequent migration to Canada. Workshops held at the home of Branch Genealogist, Dr. Velma Rust have been fruitful for many whom she generously opened her library to. At the 24th Annual Charter Night Dinner on March 20th, the guest speaker was archivist and author, Dr. Bruce Wilson, who described the career and painting of Lt. James Peachey. This summer work will resume on The King's Names Project thanks to a contribution from Employment Canada for hiring students. The research is about half finished now.

### **1986 December**

About 25 people attended our third and final Genealogy Workshop for the season at the home of Dr. Velma Rust, our Branch Genealogist, and again benefited from her library and her expertise in ancestor research. These evenings are proving to be very popular and are well received by all who attend.

The Province of Ontario has a system of awards set up whereby various cultural and citizenship organizations can nominate members to receive Volunteer Service Awards, for either 5, 10, or 15 years of service. The following members of our Branch were so honored at a presentation ceremony at the Skyline Hotel Ballroom on May 4th: 15 Years - Mrs. Ruth Williams; 10 Years - Lt. Col. A. Frank Cooper, Capt. Ivan K. Mitchell, Mr. John E. Ruch, and Dr. Velma I. Rust; 5 Years - Mrs. Doreen Cooper. In addition, Branch member Mrs. Norma Morrison received a 10-year award sponsored by the Osgoode Township Historical Society.

Our Annual Branch Picnic was held at the home of Judge John R. Matheson, our Honorary President, at Rideau Ferry, Ont. The day was gorgeous, and everyone enjoyed the Judge's hospitality, especially those who took advantage of a guided cruise of Big Rideau Lake offered by John's son Murdoch. Among those seen speeding around the lake was our Branch President, John Ruch, looking every inch the ancient mariner. Picnic baskets were brought out in late afternoon, and as the sun set over the lake we reluctantly bid farewell to our host and hostess, thanking them for a magnificent afternoon.

As an update to the status of our Branch officers, Mr. Tom Chadsey has agreed to be our next Branch President, with Bill Cornell (1st Vice) assuming the office of President while Tom is away in Florida (Nov. thru Mar.). The new Past President will then be John Ruch. The official change in office will take place at our October Meeting.

It has just been learned from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) that "The King's Names Project" is to be granted \$65,500.00 for a 20-month period toward completing its research and preparation for publication. Work will be resumed on or near the 6th of October, with Ivan

Mitchell as Project Manager, and other staff members still to be hired. This phase of the work, involving completion of the actual research in the Public Archives, should be complete by the end of May 1987 with the preparation for printing taking another year after that date.

Plans are being made for the new season, with our Fall Meeting scheduled for October 16th, and further Genealogy Workshops and formal meetings throughout the year. We are looking forward to our 25th Anniversary of our Charter, to be celebrated April 9th, 1987.

### **1990 Spring**

The annual general meeting of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch was held at SL Thomas Anglican Church on Thursday evening, October 12th. Ted Ulch was installed as President, succeeding Tom Chadsey, who had been President since 1986. Other new members of the Branch Executive included Mrs. Jean Dobson, First Vice-President, LCdr. JJ. Brooks, Corresponding Secretary, Harold Merkley, Telephone Committee, and Mrs. Doreen Cooper, Hospitality Committee.

In his annual report Tom Chadsey expressed his appreciation to the members of the Executive who had been so supportive during his term of office. He referred to problems encountered in setting up the annual Branch picnic, and asked those present to fill out a questionnaire on picnics for their views. The results of the questionnaire expressed a preference for picnics to be held on weekends, in either July or August, and preferably at a nearby historical or recreational site. Tom also made reference to the U.E.L. Convention in 1992, slated to be held in Ottawa, and of the work and planning this event would entail.

Highlights of the meeting included the announcement of the gift of \$250 by Mrs. Ruth Williams, to complete setting up a U.E.L. Trophy Fund. The interest from which would be used to buy medals annually for presentation to winners of the D.C.R.A. Competition for the United Empire Loyalist Trophy, originally donated by Col. Merritt. This fund was started as a Branch project some years ago and while the fund has gradually increased through individual gifts, it is with Mrs. Williams' generous donation that it is fully funded.

Another highlight for the Branch and likely for the Association as a whole was the announcement of the receipt of twenty-one Life Memberships for members of the family of Judge John Matheson, Honorary President of the Branch. Among other certificates received by the Branch Genealogist was a Life Membership certificate for George Anderson, Branch Treasurer. Thanks to our new Vice-President, Jean Dobson, eight members of her family have become Regular members and three others are Associate members. The effort and cooperation of Dominion Headquarters in accelerating membership of Donald McCuaig was greatly appreciated. Mr. McCuaig, who died recently, was made aware of his acceptance by the Association before his demise.

Mrs. Jean Dobson, First Vice-President, earlier that day had attended the ceremony at the Canadian War Museum when the Victoria Cross, awarded posthumously to Pte. William Milne for bravery at Vimy Ridge in 1917 when he single-handedly wiped out two machine gun crews, was officially unveiled. Mrs. Dobson is a second cousin of Pte. Milne.

The guest of honour and speaker for the evening was Dr. Robert Legget, the recent recipient of the Royal Bank of Canada Gold Medal and \$100,000. award for outstanding service to the community. Dr. Legget was founder and long-time Director of the Building Research Division of the National Research Council, where he pioneered National Building and Fire Standards. Since his retirement in 1969 Dr. Legget has devoted time and research on transportation, writing books on railways as well as on the Rideau Canal

and the Ottawa River. Dr. Legget's subject was "Sir Alexander Mackenzie," son of a Loyalist soldier who died on Carleton Island, and who was himself spirited out of the Colonies to refuge in Canada. Mackenzie's epic 3,000 mile trip by canoe from Lake Athabasca to the mouth of the river later named after him was narrated by Dr. Legget in a fascinating manner which opened up a chapter in Canadian history about yet another prominent Canadian about whom most of us know so little. Dr. Legget was introduced by Norman Crowder, Assistant Branch Genealogist, and thanked by President-Elect Ted Ulch, who presented him with a memento of the evening.

### 1993 Fall

#### GENE-O-RAMA

Many people visited our two tables of displays at Gene-O-Rama, enquiring about membership and potential UEL ancestors. Thanks to Frank Cooper, John Ruch and George Anderson who represented the Branch. Special thanks extended to Edward Kipp who set up computer display of *The Book Of Negroes* for "The King's Names Project" on behalf of John Ruch.

### 1996 Spring

#### CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Forty-four people attended the very successful Christmas Banquet at Rideau Park United Church on 23 November 1995.

Frank Cooper, our president, reported that there will be a Genealogy Workshop at the home of Velma Rust; and a tour of the Canadian War Museum. Sylvia Powers indicated that arrangements are being made to put the branch's library in Nepean Library. Catherine Webster reported that she, David Webster and Tom Chadsey, are putting every branch member's genealogy on the computer. Margaret Hall, our treasurer, stated that \$1500 has been invested in a GIC.

John Ruch informed the meeting that the Kings' Names Project has received a Job Creation Grant. Three employees have now been hired to enter data into the computer. Ed Kipp reported that Hank Jones will be one of the speakers at Gene-O-Rama, 22 & 23 March 1996.

The banquet speaker was Caroline Perry, the author of Eleanora's Diary. Caroline spoke on the life of Eleanora Hallen who was born in Worcester, England, in 1823, and began to keep a dairy at the age of ten. Her family emigrated to Simcoe County in Ontario in 1835. They sailed from Liverpool in the three masted, 687-ton ship the Albion to New York City. At New York the Albion was kept in quarantine off Staten Island for two days. The family proceeded to Canada by wagon along the Hudson River to Schenectady. During this part of the trip they passed the spot where Indians had brutally scalped Jane McCrea during the American Revolution in 1776.

Here the Hallen Family obtained cramped quarters on a small boat and sailed up the Erie Canal to Oswego on Lake Ontario. From there they took a steamboat to Toronto. A springless wagon pulled by slow plodding oxen took the family over the rough corduroy to their crude log cabin and small clearing near Coldwater in Medonte Township. This cabin was one and half stories and measured about 5 by 8.5 metres. Eleanora's father, Reverend Hallen was unused to heavy work. However he had to immediately chop twenty cords of firewood for winter fuel. Since this wood was green and unseasoned, it burnt badly

causing a lot of smoke. During the cold winters the oil would freeze in the lamps when the fire died out. The summers brought clouds of mosquitoes.

Before St. James Church was built, the local population held the church services at the Hallen's cabin. Eleanora contracted tuberculosis and passed away in 1846 at the young age of 23.

By George Anderson, UE, editor of our branch newsletter, *The Ottawa Loyalist*.

### **1996 Fall**

**A**t its annual general meeting on May 23, 1996 at the Royal Canadian Legion, David Webster gave an informative speech on the King's Rangers. He is a past president and a charter member of the Branch. David has also served in most of the Branch executive positions.

David was dressed in the uniform of the first battalion of the King's Rangers. This regiment was raised by Robert Rogers in New York in 1778 and 1779. The warrant to raise the regiment was issued to Lieutenant Colonel Robert Rogers on May 1, 1779 by General Sir Henry Clinton, the commander-in-chief at New York City.

David described the various components of this uniform. It had a bicorn hat. The white shirt was of linen. The white woollen stockings were held up by black gaiter straps. The green woollen coat had a red facing and pewter buttons. The waistcoat was white or green, of linen or wool, depending on who did the research. The shoes were black with buckles. Moccasins were also worn. The soldier had a black leather stock around his neck.

Each soldier had a brown bess musket. This could also have been a 16 to 42 inch carbine. Every soldier would have a bayonet and a tomahawk. A double box of black powder cartridges was also carried. A canteen was slung over the back. The haversack was made of grey linen and was used for provisions. A backpack was also carried. It was used for powder and shot, clothing and 60 rounds of ammunition.

David also spoke briefly about other colonial regiments in the Northern Department which included Quebec. Some of these Loyalist regiments were the Butler's Rangers, the King's Royal Regiment of New York and the Royal Highland Emigrants (84th Regiment). After the King's Rangers was raised by Robert Rogers, he had drinking problems, so his brother James took over the regiment. It worked mainly at building fortifications and houses. It was also involved in two raids. One was at Saratoga in 1779. Several members of the Rangers also were involved in spying for the British and other secret service work. 1\0 of them even attempted to bum a rebel ship at New York City.

In 1784 the discharged members of the King's Rangers settled west of Kingston. William Buell founded Elizabethtown (now Brockville), Robert Burritt founded Burritt's Rapids and John Meyers founded Belleville.

By George Anderson, UE, Editor of Branch newsletter, *The Ottawa Loyalist*

### **2000 Fall**

**R**oy Lewis, the Vice President of Central East Region of the UELAC was the guest speaker for Sir Guy Carleton Branch at its annual meeting at Rideau Park United Church in Ottawa.

He spoke to about 40 people about his ancestor, his great-great-great grandfather Reverend Thaddeus Lewis. Reverend Thaddeus Lewis was the son of Loyalist William Lewis and Elizabeth Babcock who settled at Camden East near Kingston, Ontario in 1783. Roy Lewis' account was based on the 205-page autobiography of Reverend Thaddeus Lewis.

Thaddeus Lewis was a Methodist Church minister who was a circuit rider (saddlebag preacher). He used to travel through the wilderness on horseback to remote settler homes to preach to the faithful. When Thaddeus was eighteen, he joined the Glengarry Fencibles and served in the War of 1812. He initially served as a marine on a ship due to a sailor shortage. Thaddeus came down with measles just before his regiment was scheduled to march to Three Rivers from Kingston. His regiment then had to help pull two gunboats and heavy-laden bateaux up through the St. Lawrence River rapids to Prescott. That winter Thaddeus, and a force of Canadian militia marched across the ice in full view of the enemy to attack Ogdensburg on February 22, 1813.

During this attack Thaddeus was wounded and taken prisoner. The Americans fled. A British officer saw him leaning on an American rifle and attempted to run Thaddeus through with his sword. A British soldier who recognized Thaddeus intervened and saved Thaddeus. He next marched 300 miles with his regiment to Queenston Heights. Here he contracted typhus fever.

After the war he became a Methodist minister and preached in the Waterloo Circuit, which included a wide area surrounding Kingston. He would fill more than thirty appointments on each circuit, which he traveled every four weeks.

Later he was appointed to the Long Island Circuit, which included Wolfe and Howe Islands. Once he fell through the ice in the dead of winter. Fortunately a neighbour, who was at first very frightened and reluctant, finally decided to pull him out. He then went on over to the islands and preached to each congregation.

By George Anderson

## **2002 Fall**

### **ROYAL SALUTE**

**O**ur Branch held a special dinner on 4 October 2002, to honour the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty, the 50th anniversary of the appointment of Vincent Massey as the first Canadian-born Governor-General, and our Branch's 40th anniversary.

By Barry Gilmore, Branch Programme Director

*Editor s Note: Unfortunately this important celebration happened before this issue reaches our readers, but we wish to acknowledge the hard work that members put into it, and look forward to seeing some photos of it in the next Gazette.*

## **2003 Spring**

**A**t press time Sir Guy Carleton Branch provided a list of upcoming events for the first part of 2003. It is a full schedule, and by the time this issue reaches you, most of these will have taken place.

The Annual Movie Afternoon is set for January at Nepean Museum. This year's film is the classic *Northwest Passage* starring Spencer Tracy, Robert Young, and Walter Brennan. It concerns Roger's Rangers raid into Quebec during the Seven Years' War.

On the 25th of the same month the Branch plans a Robby Bums night at the Crown Plaze Hotel in Ottawa. It is hosted by the Sons of Scotland, with entertainment by the Dynasty Sextet, the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band, singers Garth Hampson and Cathy Ann McPhee. Several of the performers have had ties to the RCMP band.. The MacCulloch Dancers will also put in an appearance, but only *the wee bairns*. There are special tables for UELAC members.

For February the theme is Black History Month, and the location is again the Nepean Museum. A talk and movie are planned.

Gene-o-Rama is set for March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the council chambers and atrium of the Centrepointe Theatre. It is sponsored by the Ontario Genealogical Society, and there will be speakers, a market place and the UELAC will have tables. The opening talk is by Senator Lorna Milne speaking about the release of Canadian census records after 1901.

For April there will be a dinner and election of the new Branch Executive.

By Barry Gilmore UE

## **2004 Spring**

**F**or a Valentine's Day special, on Feb. 14, following lunch at 12 noon, Myrna Fox will be giving a presentation on George III at Rideau Park United Church on 2203 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa. We appreciate her taking time out of her busy schedule to join us and look forward to an interesting insight into this man we toast each UEL banquet.

Barry Wilson, Parliamentary Hill reporter, and author of four books including "Benedict Arnold: A Traitor in our Midst" will be our guest speaker at our AGM this year. The Dominion Convention in Winnipeg was fortunate in having him lead a debate on Benedict Arnold. The AGM will be held on April 15th at 5:45 pm at Best Western Macies Hotel, 1274 Carling Ave., Ottawa. Tickets cost \$30.

For our November dinner, our speaker will be Norman Christie. He worked for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for 11 years, helping to find the grave of Rudyard Kipling's son and identifying the remains of several soldiers. Then he started his own company called CEF books. His series "For King and Empire" has been made into a six hour television documentary. He is working on several books on history, and other documentaries including "King and Country" about World War II, Victory in Europe, and Tales from the Great War. He conducts tour of the war cemeteries and battlefields in Europe.

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## 2005 Fall

### SISTER RECEIVES LOYALIST CERTIFICATE ON BIRTHDAY

At the spring social of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch, held at the Best Western, Macies, in Ottawa, on 21 April 2005, Catherine Webster presented Judi Fox- Howes Palmer (nee Smith), sister of Sylvia Jean Powers, with her certificate through William Bell Sr. UE. He lived in Linsdale, Scotland where his son, William McCorquodale Bell, was born. They then immigrated to the thirteen colonies. Both of them joined the British standard at Fort Edward in 1777. William Bell Jr. UE served in Rogers Rangers. William Bell Sr. UE, formerly of Saratoga, was employed on secret service under General Burgoyne. His son lost two cows when he was driving them to Burgoyne's army. They settled in the Township of Fredericksburg after the war. William Bell Jr. UE was captain in the 1st Regiment Lennox militia. His son John W. Bell represented Sydenham as M.P.P. and Addington as M.P. 1882-1891 and 1896-1900. William Bell Sr.'s daughter, Isabella, married first John Sills UE, son of Conrad Sell UE, and married second Martin Hough UE. Peter Sills, son of Isabella and John Sills UE, married Mary Barnhart, daughter of Charles Barnhart UE. Their grandson, Charles A. Sills, lived in the Wagarville area. Other Loyalist ancestors of Judi's are Thomas Philip UE, and Everhart Wagar UE, George Parliament UE, David Embury UE, Jacob Huffman UE, Amos Ansley UE, James Dawson UE, Col. Samuel Smith UE and Jethro Jackson UE. A paternal great grandmother, Mary Barton, has Loyalist ancestors among the Bartons, McCraes and Edmunds still to be proven. Her parents, Fred and Joyce Smith, are members of the Kingston Branch.

Judi has four boys, Stephen, David, Randy, and Jason Fox. Randy and his wife, Deanne Meijeringh, have a son, Thomas Ian Fox, aged 4 years. David and his wife, Vishni Peeris, have a baby boy, Kiran Peeris Fox, while Jason and his wife, Shelley Irish, have a baby boy, Samuel Irish Fox. Judi and her husband, Robert Palmer, are retired and living in Westport.

By Sylvia Powers UE

## 2006 Spring

At our Christmas social on November 19, Hugh Pearson MacMillan entertained us with a discussion of his new book, *Ad-ventures of a Paper Sleuth*. This book is based on his twenty-five years working for the Ontario Archives, travelling around the province seeking out material and persuading its owners to part with it in the interest of preservation and making it more accessible to more people. Evelyn Scullion assisted him in reading excerpts from his book. Catherine Webster presented him with a gift on behalf of the branch. Hugh presents a colourful figure in his Scottish garb with a miniature breastplate.

Another member of the branch has been involved in the production of a book. Wilson MacDonald's grandfather, George Wilson, spent seventy-four years of his life working for *The Standard* and *The Standard Freeholder* when two newspapers joined in Cornwall. He started out as a printer's devil in 1889, sweeping the offices and cleaning out the spittoons. Then he became the fastest typesetter in Canada and progressed from that to being a reporter and a member of the editorial staff. His column, "*Down the Lane*," began as a way to fill up a page and lasted for thirty years. He wrote about life in the olden days, sports, and people in the community. Lyall Manson and Lily Worrall became aware of these columns that described the people and times of Cornwall and felt that they should be published again so that everyone would have a chance to read them. They spent hours at the library in Cornwall finding, photocopying and retyping the articles. They then met Wilson who had worked beside his grandfather for a while and could share many stories about George. When the first volume of "*Down the Lane (again)*" was completed, Wilson and Doreen, his wife, took on the task of proof reading the index. Every proper noun was indexed from people and places to street addresses. On 11 February 2006, Wilson shared with us his many stories of his grandfather's work and the work in producing the book. His presentation was



illustrated with actual equipment from the printing press and pictures of his grandfather at work. His pride in the modest man who was a champion typesetter and a popular reporter was very evident. His talk inspired the audience to consider how many stories we might be able to tell about our own ancestors.

By Sylvia Powers UE

### 2006 Fall

On 28 April 2006, Fred Hayward received a surprise birthday present. He had just arrived to visit his daughter Sarah and her family in Ottawa. Other family members were present. Then about 5 p.m. George and Janet Anderson with Sylvia Powers appeared at the home. Sylvia gave the children a preamble about the history of the Embury and other Palatine families as they fled first to England, then became tenant farmers in Ireland and finally arrived in the thirteen colonies. There Philip Embury, their descendant, delivered the first Methodist sermon and became the father of Methodism in America. Unfortunately, the Revolution prevented them from keeping the property they had gained. Forced to choose sides, the family became refugees again when Samuel, Philip's son, became a Loyalist. George Anderson presented certificates to Sarah Hayward, Christopher, Rory, and Mairéad McEwen on behalf of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch. Sarah treated the gathering to some delicious refreshments. The certificate proofs were the result of the efforts of many, including Gloria Oakes, Margaret Hayward and Sarah. Then George Anderson, Elizabeth Hancocks, Mette and the office staff, including the calligrapher, quickly processed the applications so that the certificates would be received in time for Fred's birthday. Everyone wanted to join in wishing Fred a happy birthday.

### 2008 Fall

A reception was held at Kingsmere in Gatineau Park last September. The Honourable Peter Milliken AUE and the Sir Guy Carleton Branch welcomed the partners and staff of the City of Ottawa Archives as well as the other UELAC branches to the Speaker's Farm. A tour was also given of the Farm House where we saw the queen-size bed Princess Diana once slept in and the tiny twin bed where Mackenzie King died. Our President supplied home-baked refreshments.

The Christmas Lunch was the highlight of the year with our guest speaker, David Hill Morrison UE, in his tribal costume. His topic was "*Perspectives of a Native Loyalist*".

A memorial fund was set up in conjunction with Carleton University in memory of our late member, John Ruch UE. A bursary from the interest on the fund will be given annually to a needy student in their third year of Canadian studies.

Outreach activities: We donated a book on Loyalists written for children and young adults as a prize to a student having a display on Loyalists at the Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair. She won for a project about Laura Secord. We also had a display table at the City of Ottawa Heritage Day in February and at the Ontario Genealogical Society, Ottawa Branch, Gen-O-Rama in March. Our volunteers talked to the public about the history of the Loyalists and their contribution to Canada. We also participated at the very popular and worthwhile "*Doors Open*" program at the Ottawa Archives.

Fall activities: We are planning a tour of the War Museum in September and of the National Archives in October.

By Lynne Webb UE, Branch Secretary

## 2009 Fall

Our branch decided to promote the Spring 2009 *Gazette* theme of honouring soldiers killed in Afghanistan who were identified as UEL descendants. Marg Hall UE located Legion branch addresses in Ottawa and we donated copies of the *Gazette* to the local legions and military messes. Lynne Webb proposed, and our branch executive approved of our branch making a \$200 donation to a military fund in the memory of MCpl Scott Francis Vernelli for the rehabilitation through participation in sports of soldiers maimed in the Afghanistan conflict.

Nancy Richards organized a tour of the War Museum, with a guide who specialized in the early days of Canada and the Loyalist period. Focusing the guided tour on a period that naturally interested us was a thoughtful approach and allowed us not to be overwhelmed by the size of the museum.

Our AGM featured a presentation by Wilson Macdonald on his latest book, Happy Times. He spoke on growing up in depression-era Cornwall. Happy Times contains vignettes of his childhood memories of family and neighbours in Cornwall. The vignettes were interesting and historical, even if, ironically, not all described happy times. The strain of that period on everyday life was illustrated. There was an opportunity to buy his books and have them autographed.

We attempted an outreach activity to the Ottawa branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. We met with them at the Archives and our member, Marg Hall UE, gave a presentation on how she established her Loyalist lineage to Nicholas Lake UE. This is a daunting task under any circumstances but in Marg's case, she was an adoptee and had to cross the hurdles secrecy and adoptive records placed in the way of her search. Gary Bagley, Branch Genealogist, then presented our new member, Eric Brown UE, with his UELAC certificate of Loyalist descent. The OGS members learned much about our branch and the UELAC and then treated us to refreshments. We look forward to more joint activities with OGS, Ottawa Branch. We are also looking forward to a tour and tea in late September at the historic Billings estate.

By Lynne Webb, Branch Secretary

## 2011 Fall

The library of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch is once again open and available to researchers at the new City of Ottawa Archives. The more than five hundred item collection of books and periodicals has been closed to the public since December 2010 when the City of Ottawa Archives boxed up all collections for the move to their new location at 100 Tallwood Avenue, Ottawa. On June 27 the new facility was opened by local MPP Bob Chiarelli, Mayor Jim Watson, many City of Ottawa councillors and officials of the Archives and Ottawa Public Library. The official title of the new building is City of Ottawa Archives and Ottawa Public Library Materials Centre. The photo on the next page is of the ribbon-cutting that day.

The Sir Guy Carleton Branch is just one of the Partners of the Archives who have libraries and archival material on site. The other partners are the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, the C. Robert Craig Memorial Library on railroading in Canada and the United Church Archives -Ottawa and Montreal Conference. The Sir Guy Carleton collection has many books on Loyalists, books and periodicals on New England, the home of many Loyalists before the American Revolution and an extensive collection of books on the history of Ontario and Nova Scotia. Now that the new location is open, new books are being added to ensure that all provinces where Loyalists settled are represented.



June 27 2011. From left: John Heney, President, Friends of the City of Ottawa Archives; Daniel Richer dit la Flèche, Town Crier for the City of Ottawa; Councillor Marianne Wilkinson; Barbara Clubb, Chief Librarian, Ottawa Public Library; Paul Henry, Chief Archivist, City of Ottawa Archives; Councillor Rick Chiarelli; MPP, Bob Chiarelli, Liberal, Ottawa West-Nepean; Mayor Jim Watson; Councillor Jan Harder; [unknown]; [unknown]; Councillor Eli El-Chantiry; and Councillor Diane Deans.

The Archives house an extensive collection of books, documents and artefacts related to the amalgamated City of Ottawa. Items that were scattered across the City in warehouses will now be housed under one roof, in climate-controlled vaults with more than 20 kilometres of shelf space. Photographs have their own special vault kept at a colder temperature to reduce the chance of deterioration.

All visitors to the City of Ottawa are invited to come to the new Archives and explore the collections. Hours are Tuesday to Friday 9:00 to 4:00 during the summer. From September to May hours include Saturdays from 10:00 to 5:00. The Archives are closed Sunday, Monday and Statutory Holidays. Parking is free. Volunteers representing the partners are on hand during all open hours to assist with genealogical research.

By Dorothy Meyerhof UE, Librarian

## 2012 Spring

Obituary: COOPER, Evelyn

Evelyn Cooper, the wife of a Past UELAC Dominion President, Frank Cooper UE, passed peacefully away in Ottawa with her family at her side, on Monday, 13 February 2012, at the age of eighty-four. She was born Evelyn Yule in Kerrobert, Saskatchewan.

Like most rural people she was resourceful, generous and resilient. Evelyn and Frank met at Red Pine Camp near Golden Lake, Ontario.



Their home was always full of visitors whom Evelyn made very welcome. She is the mother of Kevin, Scott, Maureen and Heather; the grandmother of Ashley, Michael, Alexa and Lindsay, and the great-grandmother of Rylee. She was very supportive of Frank when he was Dominion President and also later when he was President of Sir Guy Carleton Branch of Ottawa.

By George Anderson UE

## 2014 Fall

### LAST POST: WEBB, Lynne Anabel UE

**D**ied 11 July 2014 at the age of 68 following complications from diabetes. Lynne was born in Windsor, Ontario on 04 March 1946, the daughter of the late Oliver Alan Myers Webb and his wife, the late Annie Pearl Cady. She is survived by her husband, Gary Bagley; her sister Belva Webb (Richard Burman), her nieces Elizabeth and Annalisa Webb Burman; her brother-in-law Don Bagley (Shirley), sister-in-law Shirley Johnston (the late Ron), and many Bagley nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and nephews.

Lynne earned her Hon.BA and B.Ed from Queen's University and began teaching in Atikokan, Ontario. After her marriage, she moved to Ottawa and worked at Revenue Canada for the rest of her career. She continued her pursuit of learning, earning an M.A. in French literature and a CGA designation. Her love of education and desire to encourage it in others can be seen in the bursary she set up at Queen's in honour of her father.

She travelled the world with her husband and took her then-teenage sister on her first trip to Europe. Having no children of her own, she was a loving and doting aunt to her Burman nieces, and was unfailingly kind and hospitable to a wide circle of friends, relatives and acquaintances.



Lynne and her husband shared a keen interest in genealogy, and Lynne was especially proud to discover that she was both a Mayflower and a United Empire Loyalist descendant, and was active in both societies. She also enjoyed attending several family association meetings, especially the Hathaway and Misener annual get-togethers.

A celebration of Lynne's life was held on 19 July 2014 at The Good Companions Seniors' Centre, 670 Albert St., Ottawa: a time to share stories and reminiscences about Lynne and the precious years we spent in her company. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada or the Oliver Alan Myers Webb Bursary at Queen's University would be appreciated. Lynne always enjoyed hearing about, or even from, recipients to the bursary at Queen's University. Established in honour of Oliver Alan Myers Webb UE by his daughter, Lynne Webb UE, it is awarded to a mature woman student, on the basis of financial need, who is seeking a university education. For those of you who also wish to make a personal donation to the Oliver Alan Myers Webb Bursary, make your cheque payable to "Queen's University." Mail your donation to: The Ban Righ Centre, 32 Bader Lane, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 3N8. Be sure to include in your letter that the donation is to the Oliver Alan Myers Webb Bursary in memory and honour of Lynne Anabel Webb UE, daughter of OAM Webb UE.

The family and I sincerely thank the nurses and doctors of the ICU unit at Queensway-Carleton Hospital for their sensitive and compassionate care.

Lynne was a member of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch UELAC. She joined the executive in 2004 and served as Vice-President, Secretary and latterly as President. She was a descendant of Loyalists, Jacob Glover UE and Johann Matthias Boughner UE. Lynne's Mayflower ancestors were Richard Warren and Francis Cooke. She was on the board of the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants for about ten years; the last four years as Treasurer.

By her husband, Gary Bagley

## **2017 Fall**

On 16 June 2017, the Sir Guy Carleton Branch hosted a Loyalist Flag-raising Ceremony at Ottawa City Hall to commemorate Canada's 150th birthday. The event was attended by approximately thirty people and several were in period costume. Two military re-enactors were present, one representing the King's Royal Regiment of New York, and the other the Royal Highland Emigrants. Several individuals who were attending the OGS Conference in Ottawa made the trip downtown to join in and celebrate their Loyalist heritage.

Branch President, Marg Hall UE, gave some background information on Canada/ North America's first refugees and the importance of recognizing 16 June 1794 as the day the Loyalists landed at Adolphustown. Many in attendance were surprised to learn that the title of "UE" is the only title which can be inherited.

Deputy Mayor, Bob Monette, representing Mayor Jim Watson, thanked Marg and stated that it was educational to learn the history behind the flag, and its relevance to today's refugees, and the presence of the re-enactors showed the dedication of the descendants. Mr. Monette thanked Sir Guy Carleton Branch, on behalf of the City Council, for the invitation. He then asked Councillor Marianne Wilkinson to say a few words. Councillor Wilkinson has many Loyalist ancestors and is always willing to share her Loyalist history.

At this point, Mr. Monette led the way to the flagpole and many hands assisted in raising the Loyalist flag proudly over City Hall.

Many thanks to the Branch Executive, and especially Marg Hall UE, for all of their hard work in making this event a success.

By Penny Minter, Branch Secretary